

## SCRAP TIRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

April 9, 2008  
9:00am - 12:00pm

Lansing, Constitution Hall, Atrium North  
Rachel Carson Conference Room

### DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY

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Welcome by Rhonda Zimmerman and introduction of participants, George Bruchmann commented on the current budget status.

**Approval of December 5, 2007 STAC meeting summary:** no comments on the meeting summary. It will be posted on the website.

**Scrap Tire Cleanup and Market Development Grants:** Rhonda provided an update of the status of the Scrap Tire Cleanup and Market Development Grant Programs.

*Scrap Tire Cleanup Grants:* There are three grant contracts that have not yet been executed. A question was asked about where the cleanup tires were disposed. The majority of cleanup tires go to tire derived fuel (TDF), however a small portion go for disposal.

*Market Development Grants:* A press release announcing our \$500,000 Market Development grant recipient, Entech, Inc., was issued April 8, 2008. The grant will reimburse fifty percent of the cost to purchase equipment to produce crumb rubber from scrap tires. The crumb rubber will go to extrusion markets.

**Biomass Issues:** Michael Blumenthal provided an update on the biomass tax credits. The IRS sent a letter to alternative fuel users indicating a tax credit would be pro-rated based on the percent of alternative fuels used vs. the amount of biofuels used.

Don Adams provided an update on the biomass tax credits at the state level. Don indicated there are currently two versions of the bill that defines biomass. The House version provides a list of everything that is considered biomass, including TDF. The Senate version is more "ethereal" and does not include fossil fuels.

**Beneficial Reuse/Industrial Resources Council presentation:** Michael Blumenthal also provided an update on the Industrial Resources Council and the Green Highways Initiative's plans to hold a beneficial reuse conference. A meeting date should be set by mid-April and should be held within the next six months. The conference would include many different road material possibilities, not just tires. All levels of local government would be invited including counties, cities and townships. The focus on scrap tire use would not be on rubberized asphalt, but on tire derived aggregate.

**Alternate Daily Cover follow-up:** Rhonda provided a follow-up to a discussion at the last meeting regarding the use of tires for alternate daily cover. As the proposed \$7.50 solid waste surcharge will not likely see any movement in legislature, the concern of paying the increased surcharge to dispose of tires that will be used for alternate daily cover is not likely at this time. The use of tire chips in septic construction was also discussed. This use varies by county: some counties such as Berrien and Allegan are using more tire chips in septic construction; however neighboring counties may not approve this use.

**Tire Disposal Options:** A poster and web page was developed as a result of discussions about the need for educational materials concerning tire disposal options in past meetings. The poster will be e-mailed to our list of county recycling contacts. A press release will also be issued to recognize National Tire

Safety Week (April 20-26) and to address the funding source of our program. Staff has contacted the Secretary of State office to work with them to educate the public on the funding source.

**Updated Tire Pile Map:** The new tire map was available at the meeting to view. The map shows 8.5 million tires, while our database contains 9.7 million tires. Staff is working to bring those numbers closer.

**Display of Hauler Registration number on vehicles:** There have been recent discussions of hauler registration number display on vehicles at Tire Staff meetings. The statute currently states the hauler number must be visible, however many haulers just have a slip of paper in the dashboard. Making the display regulation similar to other hauler registrations would require a change in legislation. The committee agreed that if the statute is amended in the future, there will be discussion about making the display requirements similar to other hauler registration programs. A question was asked if trailers are required to display the hauler registration number: no, the truck needs to have the registration number, not the trailer.

**RMA Tire Survey:** Michigan completed and submitted the RMA tire survey by the deadline, March 31, 2008. Michael Blumenthal indicated 16 states had completed the survey and 16 states are in the final draft. 5-6 have not responded and the rest of the states are in the process of completing the survey. The survey compilation should be finished by June and will be on the RMA website, with results separated by region.

**The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, July 9 from 9am-12pm, in the Rachel Carson Conference room, Constitution Hall.**